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Subject: Slide on CN Yale Sub causes derailment.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This morning at approx 0315 train 317 (CP train with CN crew) departed Boston Bar, and derailed at approx mile 8. Here is what I have thus far.

Both Engr/Cndr were hurt, but ok. It took CN over 2 hours to get to them, get them out, and back towards Chapman to awaiting Paramedics, then to Hope Hospital.

The lead locomotive rode up on slide, falling to **right** onto its side. “Luckily this happened in an area that there was enough roadbed on river side for unit to land on its side, and not end up going down bank to river. The Cndr ended up falling in cab, and landed on Engr. Apparently the only injury the Cndr sustained was a broken thumb, however he is sore all over. The Engr was unconscious for a couple of minutes, and is pretty banged up”.

There is some concern that an incident happened a week or so ago in this area, there was a small slide and the crew rode it out, staying on the rail. Div 945 people are trying to confirm if this was the same area or not. In the area from last week, there was some clean up, however “the back hoe could not reach up high enough to knock down overhang”. Mile 8 was dropping rocks a couple of weeks ago and reported to RTC.

Anything else, I’ll keep you posted. Be careful out there, and report all concerns to RTC and H&S Committee!

In Solidarity,

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